

DISTRICT II ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes – June 5, 2000

The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Patrol East Substation, 350 S. Edgemoor.

Members Present

David Babich
Michele Chauncey
Tod Ford
John Fuller*
Alice James
Shirley Jefferson
George Laham
Susan Leasure
Mike Pompeo

Members Absent

Tom Byrne
Charlotte Foster
Mary Herrin
Hanna Ho*
Council Member Pisciotte
Eric Russell*

Guests

James Armour, Public Works
Steve Lackey, Director, Public Works
Mike Lindebak, City Engineer
Bonny Johnson-Patrick, DAB IV

* Denotes alternate DAB member

First Chair Pro Tem Michele Chauncey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Susan Leasure (Babich) moved that the minutes of the May 1, 2000 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion passed (8-0).

Susan Leasure (Pompeo) moved the agenda be approved with amendments. Item 1 will be received and filed. Item 2 will be removed from the agenda. The motion passed (8-0).

No items were submitted for the public agenda, unfinished business, traffic agenda, or the planning agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Traffic Study Process Evaluation

Bonny Johnson-Patrick, DAB IV, presented information requesting appointments to an Ad-Hoc committee being formed by the District IV Advisory Board. The committee is hoping to build a better traffic accident reporting system, which would provide a truer picture of the

problems of traffic flow and accident reporting in Wichita. A more user-friendly process for installation of traffic signals is also a goal of the committee. Recently a neighborhood association requested installation of a traffic signal on West Central. The request was denied. Two months of research and discussion followed resulting in statistics showing a total of thirty-four accidents occurring at that intersection. Of the thirty-four accidents only twelve were counted as valid accidents to be recognized in the traffic light assessment by Traffic Engineering Department. Traffic Engineering currently uses a warrant process to rate an intersection and only counts accidents valued over \$500 in determining the need for a traffic light. **David Babich** added that traffic counts are also used to determine whether a traffic light is needed. **Tod Ford** asked over what period of time did the thirty-four accidents occur. **Johnson-Patrick** replied the accidents occurred over a three year span. **Babich** expressed an interest in the task force, and inquired if Council Member Pisciotte would be appointing members. **Michele Chauncey** replied the DAB would receive and file the information and the Council Member would revisit the issue later.

2. Rock Road Improvements

Mike Lindebak, City Engineer, introduced **Steve Lackey**, Director, Public Works, who discussed the proposed Bainbridge Connection. **Lackey** reported several years ago the Rock Road corridor was studied by a consulting firm which suggested several improvements. During this same period of time he received phone calls from representatives of the Sycamore Village Neighborhood Association concerned with their ability to enter and exit their neighborhood. The consultant raised the possibility of installing a traffic light near at the intersection of 22nd Street and Rock Road. This option was not pursued due to its location being in such close proximity to the 21st & Rock Road intersection. Three proposals were developed each using Bainbridge Street as a means of accessing 21st west of Rock Road. The only difference in the three proposals is the location of the 21st and Bainbridge intersection. Waterford Homeowners Association has expressed concerns with the proposals, specifically increased traffic in the area, as well effects on a neighborhood playground area. **David Babich** asked if Waterford HOA believed traffic would use the neighborhood as a shortcut. **Lackey** replied yes, they are concerned with traffic and with unwanted people in the neighborhood. Around fifteen years ago there were speed bumps installed to address the speeding of traffickers. The Bainbridge project resurfaced some of these old issues. **Lackey** suggested inviting concerned neighborhood members to a DAB meeting in order to discuss the proposal and receive some feedback.

Mike Lindebak discussed construction scheduled to begin next year. The improvements are aimed at improving traffic flow on Rock Road near the 21st intersection. The left turn lane south of 21st street will be extended allowing more space for traffickers waiting to turn west onto 21st. The islands located at the intersection will be removed and the intersection will be widened to allow three lanes through the intersection. There will be dual left turn lanes going West to North and East to South. A signal will be installed at the 21st Street and Bradley Fair Parkway intersection. The left turn lane north of Rock Road will be extended to allow more traffic storage before turning east onto 21st. **Babich** asked if 21st Street west of Rock Road will be evened out to remove the dips. **Lindebak** replied that the condition of 21st Street is a maintenance issue but during the scheduled construction would be an ideal time to make any needed repairs. **Babich**

asked about anticipating traffic when designing changes to make accommodations. **Lindebak** replied yes and that expectations are traffic will continue to increase along with the continued development of the Rock Road corridor. **Shirley Jefferson** asked when will information be presented concerning Rock Road from 29th Street to 37th Street. **James Armour**, Public Works, responded that area will be discussed in September and mainly involves adding traffic signals, eliminating driveways, and replacing the middle turn lanes with medians. **Steve Lackey** mentioned his department would contact concerned neighborhood groups for the joint meeting.

3. Citizen Input on the Budget Process

Michele Chauncey announced the city-wide District Advisory Board meeting at Century II hosted by the City of Wichita and the Finance Department June 8th, 6:00p.m. at Century II. Citizens are invited to attend to assist with establishing priorities for the 2001-2002 Budget.

BOARD AGENDA

4. Gate removal near Zimmerly & Dalton

No report given.

5. Killarney & Tipperary briefing

Susan Leasure reported the circulation of a petition by citizens in the area against tree removal. **Leasure** added the bigger issue may be the traffic and speed of traffic near the intersection of Killarney & Rock Road. The Advisory Board will continue to monitor the situation until resolved.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

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